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Nevada Division of Forestry Receives Grant Funds

Governor Kenny Guinn has announced the Nevada Division of Forestry is receiving \$2,978,117 from the US Forest Service under the terms of the 2002 Consolidated Payment Grant. The grant funding will be used to support Forest Stewardship, Urban and Community Forestry, Forest Health Management, State Fire Assistance, Volunteer Fire Assistance and Conservation Education programs around the state.

According to Governor Guinn, the Nevada Division of Forestry will award a large portion of the funding to non profit groups, local and volunteer fire departments, and private citizens through its State Fire Assistance, Forest Stewardship and Urban and Community Forestry programs. Funding will be used for projects involving community and private homeowner fuels reduction, forest health, re-seeding of burned areas, defensible space, tree planting, and to enhance local fire protection capabilities in the areas of training, equipment, communications and emergency alert systems.

The Governor stated the Division's Community Forestry program provided funds for twenty-one tree planting and education projects throughout the state including the rural communities of Imlay, Montello, Silver Peak, Lovelock, Pioche, and Alamo. The Volunteer Fire Assistance program provided funds to 46 Volunteer Fire Departments around the state to improve their readiness to respond to wildfire. Guinn noted the Forest Stewardship and State Fire Assistance Programs contributed funds to both the Virginia City Highlands and Holbrook Junction hazardous fuels reduction projects.

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